

LEP Endorsement Register (Sept 2018 J Powell)

Name of project	Name of person requesting endorsement	Date requested	Notes	Endorsement
Taunton Deane & West Somerset District Council Merger	Penny James CEO of Taunton Deane	Jan 2018	From DCLG – a period until 19 Jan 2018 to make further representation to Secretary of State for any modification to original proposal. Penny James requested a letter of support from the LEP, but we have been asked by all our authorities not to comment on democratic representation agendas impacting on any individual authority as we are not a democratic body as such nor a statutory body or consultee, but agreed to send a note to Sajid Javid to explain as above. Please do not infer from this that we don't support this proposal; simply that our legitimate interest is in LEP wide organisation rather than changes to local democratic arrangements.	Email explanation sent
Bristol Nucleate Project	Corinne Matthews for Prof David Knowles Director of SW Nuclear Hub	Jan 2018	UOB have asked for a letter of support for their Nucleate project which is being submitted to WECA for one of their funding pots. One being provided from NSW - signed by Matt Burley, but given relationship with NSW, LEP to provide one, as well as GFirst. Corinne will be asking Jamie (who is writing the bid) to reference within the business plan the links that Nucleate will have with other innovation hubs – such as the SEIC.	Letter of endorsement sent
Bridgwater & Taunton College Flexible Learning Fund	Matt Tudor Bridgwater College	Feb 2018	Submission to Flexible Learning Fund for the Digital Engineer Academy, to be led by Birmingham Metropolitan College. Both the construction and digital technology sectors are considered growth areas within the Heart of the South West, already playing a crucial role within our shared economy. The synergies between the two sectors are also becoming increasingly important for the LEP, with projects like Hinkley Point	Letter of endorsement sent

			demonstrating the need for strong digital competency and skills sets as part of wider engineering and civils occupations.	
Hinkley Point Training Agency Flexible Learning Fund	Neil England Operations Director	Feb 2018	Put together between EDF, the HPTA and Somerset Skills and Learning to deliver the catering and hospitality staff for HPC, focusing on those furthest from the labour market and training them up to access HPC jobs.	Letter of endorsement sent
South West Institute of Technology Bid (IoT)	Ben Neild University of Exeter	Feb 2018	Joint bid from partners within the Heart of the South West for the establishment of a new Institute of Technology within the area.	Letter of endorsement sent
Connecting Devon & Somerset	Sofie Francis Devon County Council	Feb 2018	CDS bid for RDPE Rural Broadband funds. The project will complement current broadband deployment programmes in the Heart of the South West LEP area and will contribute to our Strategic Economic Plan objective of 100% superfast broadband coverage by 2020. Our ESIF Strategy includes digital infrastructure as a priority investment area for both ERDF and EAFRD: this project will therefore be an essential element in reaching our ESIF Strategy objective of investing in digital infrastructure in rural areas, specifically targeting the hardest-to-reach areas.	Letter of endorsement sent
Western Rail Link to Heathrow	Anna Holbrook, Network Rail	March 2018	WRLtH is a proposed new direct rail link from the West to Heathrow which will improve journeys from the South West to Britain's busiest airport.	Letter of endorsement sent
Industrial Strategy Wave 3 Fund	Photonics Leadership Group Daniel Newman – TDA	April 2018	EOI For "future of mobility" - multiple imaging, LIDAR and sensor technologies - wave 3. Inclusion for Wave 3; of the areas described in the submission, would also support increased productivity within the supply chains as well as the potential links with the IAero project based out of Yeovil and the South Coast Marine Cluster. Additionally, they would align with the	Letter of endorsement sent

			principles behind the investments that have been and are being made in Torbay; and other areas, to support the wider supply chains.	
Industrial Strategy Wave 3 Fund	NARMC	April 2018	EOI for Wave 3 - Competitive Supply Chains: Affordable Nuclear. The proposal submitted by NAMRC is proposing an ISCF challenge that supports the Nuclear Sector Deal based on the creation of new advanced nuclear capabilities, partnerships and information sharing that is focused on increasing UK productivity and manufacturing gains.	Letter of endorsement sent
Industrial Strategy Wave 3 Fund	Aerospace Partnership Growth	April 2018	EOI – The Brunel Challenge . As a Stakeholder of the public / private collaboration I Aero, we have been engaged in the development of the proposal and are fully committed to its success. Therefore, we fully support the Aerospace Growth Partnership (AGP) in recognising the importance of the aspirations of high value design inherent in the Brunel Challenge bid. The challenges identified within the bid, will play a key part in securing the long- term sustainability, and continued growth, of the aerospace and advanced engineering industry across the South West and indeed the UK.	Letter of endorsement sent
Wave 5 Coastal Communities Fund	Alan Denby Torbay Development Agency	April 2018	EOI for Torbay Council - The application strongly aligns with raising productivity and encouraging growth particularly within the tourism sector (a key sector in the South West) who rely on good visitor experiences. Investment in this sector will also increase economic growth and productivity in our developing Digital economy – one of the fastest growing sectors in our region.	Letter of endorsement sent
Wave 5 Coastal Communities Fund	Somerset and Northern Devon Paul Hickson SCC	April 2018	By specifically tailoring interventions to the needs and opportunities of coastal businesses and communities in Somerset and Northern Devon, the proposal also aligns with the Productivity Strategy’s cross-cutting themes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ‘capitalizing on our distinctive assets’; and • ‘Inclusive growth for communities and places’. 	Letter of endorsement sent

			We also note and welcome your plans to enter into an Operational Level Agreement (OLA) with the Heart of the South West Growth Hub in order to ensure a joined-up service for businesses in the LEP area.	
DfT Transforming Cities Capital Funding Opportunites Fund	Amanda Ratsey Plymouth City Council	May 2018	EOI highlighting Plymouth as an important economic centre for the LEP and the City with a nationally significant marine sector, with key businesses such as Babcock, Princess yachts also improving sustainable transport connectivity.	Endorsement letter sent
DfT Transforming Cities Capital Funding Opportunites Fund	Dave Black Devon County Council	June 2018	EOI supporting growth ambitions of City of Exeter and surrounding Districts, with growing housing and working population both within the city and at locations such as the new community of Cranbrook, major employment sites such as Exeter Science Park and Skypark, and the South West Exeter urban extension with the aim of transforming travel, maximizing the use of public transport, both bus and rail by providing a new city-centre bus station and constructing a new railway station at the major employment location of Marsh Barton.	Endorsement letter sent
Strength in Places Fund Bid	Lucy Crane Exploration Geologist Cornish Lithium	July 2018	For EOI	Endorsement letter sent
Strength in Places Fund Bid	Jamie Townes Industrial Engagement Manager South West Nuclear Hub University of Bristol	July 2018	EOI for Nuclear	Endorsement letter sent
Strength in Places Fund Bid	Chris Evans University of Exeter	July 2018	EOI for Environmental Intelligence Accelerator EOI for Industrial Digital Technology Centre	Endorsement letters sent

Strength in Places Fund Bid	Adrian Dawson Director of Research & Innovation	July 2018	EOI for High Value Marine Markets	Endorsement letter sent
Interreg Sufuse Project	Amanda Ratsey Paul Vann Plymouth City Council	Aug 2018	Proposed EU Funded SUFUSE (Sustainable Futures for Seaside Economies) Project. Plymouth City Council are a partner in a proposed project to identify ways of supporting and growing seaside economies and would be restoring, modifying, and establishing new seaside related uses for most of the unused, relatively dilapidated structures and spaces down on the Hoe Foreshore at Tinside.	Interreg standard template letter of support sent
HIF Forward Funding	Dave Black Devon County Council	Aug 2018	Devon County Council's Housing Infrastructure Fund submission is for £51.5m to allow the county council to unlock 2,500 new homes at South West Exeter, an allocated development site.	Endorsement letter sent
The Edge Grant Fund	Andrew Dean University of Exeter	Sept 2018	<p>The project is 2 years and worth 100k. The University is through to the 1st round and are now bidding to second round of this call: http://www.edge.co.uk/projects/the-edge-grant-fund.</p> <p>The Chartered Manager Degree Apprenticeship (BSc) will equip managers of the future with the skills and confidence to take responsibility for people, projects, operations and/or services to deliver long term organisational success. By taking learning into the workplace, managers will have the ability to bring about impact to their organisations. The programme will be accredited by the Chartered Management Institute (CMI), thus enabling participants to benefit from the partnership between the University and a recognised professional body.</p>	Endorsement letter sent